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What is claimed is:

1.   A method, with the aid of a computer system, of tracking mutual put credit requirements for the trading of financial instruments between at least a first party and a second party, comprising:

5   storing a first set of mutual put requirements associated with said first party for trades with said second party;

storing a second set of mutual put requirements associated with said second party for trades with said first party;

receiving a trade indication identifying said first party and said second party;

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calculating a set of mutual put parameters based on said first set of mutual put requirements and said second set of mutual put requirements.

2.   The method of claim 1 further comprising:

facilitating the display of said set of mutual put parameters to said first party

15   and said second party.

3.   The method of claim 1 further comprising:

providing a confirmation screen to each of said first party and said second party, said confirmation screen including said calculated set of mutual put parameters.

4.   The method of claim 3 further comprising:

20   receiving a confirmation indication from each of said first party and said second party.

5.   The method of claim 4 wherein said trade indication is associated with a trade; said confirmation indication being selected from the group consisting of confirm said mutual put parameters, renegotiate said mutual put parameters or cancel said trade associated with

25   said trade indication.

6.   · The method of claim 5 further comprising:

in response to receiving said renegotiate mutual put parameter confirmation indication,

receiving mutual put data, and

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verifying that said mutual put data satisfy said first set of mutual put requirements and said second set of mutual put requirements.

7.   The method of claim 1 wherein said first party and said second party trade a plurality of financial instruments, said method further comprising:

for each said financial instrument traded between said first party and said second party,

storing a first set of mutual put requirements established by said first party for trades with said second party, and

storing a second set of mutual put requirements established by said second party for trades with said first party,

whereby each said financial instrument traded between said first party and said second party may have different bilateral mutual put requirements.

8.   The method of claim 1 wherein said mutual put comprises:

an option by at least one said party to unwind said financial instrument in the future.

9.   The method of claim 8 wherein said mutual put requirements comprise:

a first look for exercising said option to unwind said financial instrument.

10.   The method of claim 9 wherein said mutual put requirements further comprise:

a minimum period after said first look for exercising said option to unwind said financial instrument.

11.   The method of claim 9 wherein said mutual put requirements further comprise:

a maximum period after said first look for exercising said option to unwind said financial instrument.

12.   The method of claim 11 wherein said calculation of said set of mutual put parameters comprises:

calculating the minimum of (said first look of said first set of mutual put parameters and said first look of said second set of mutual put parameter); and

calculating the minimum of (said maximum period of said first set of mutual put requirements and said maximum period of said second set of mutual put requirements).

13. The method of claim 11 wherein said mutual put requirements further comprise:

a last time for exercising said option to unwind said financial instrument.

14. The method of claim 10 wherein said calculation of said set of mutual put parameters comprises:

calculating the minimum of (said first look of said first set of mutual put parameters and said first look of said second set of mutual put parameter); and

calculating the maximum of (said minimum period of said first set of mutual put requirements and said minimum period of said second set of mutual put requirements).

15. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

generating a report of mutual put parameters for trades entered into by said first party.

16. A method, with the aid of a computer system, of enforcing mutual put credit requirements for the trading of financial instruments between at least a first party and a second party, comprising:

storing a first set of mutual put requirements associated with said first party for trades with said second party;

storing a second set of mutual put requirements associated with said second party for trades with said first party;

receiving a trade indication identifying said first party and said second party, said trade indication further including a negotiated set of mutual put parameters; and

verifying that said negotiated set of mutual put parameters satisfy said first set of mutual put requirements and said second set of mutual put requirements.

17. A system for enforcing mutual put requirements among at least a first party and a second party trading at least one financial instruments, comprising:

a database, said database storing:

a first set of mutual put requirements established by said first party for trades with said second party; and

a second set of mutual put requirements established by said second party for trades with said first party;

an interface adapted to receive a trade indication from a trading system, said trade indication identifying said first party and said second party; and

5   a server coupled to said interface and said database, said server adapted to receive said trade indication from said interface, said server further adapted to calculate a set of mutual put parameters, said calculation based on said first set and said second set of mutual put requirements.

18.   The system of claim 17 further comprising:

10   a display terminal associated with at least one of said first party and said second party;

said server further adapted to display a confirmation screen on said display terminal.

19.   The system of claim 17 wherein said first set of mutual put requirements and

15 said second set of mutual put requirements are stored in said database as a two dimensional table of calculated mutual put parameters.

20.   A method, with the aid of a computer system, of enforcing credit requirements for the trading of at least one financial instrument between at least a first party and a second party, said at least one financial instrument having a plurality of tenors, said method

20 comprising:

storing a first set of credit requirements designated by said first party for trades of said financial instrument with said second party, said first set of credit requirements identifying a first plurality of buckets, each bucket associated with a plurality of said tenors of said financial instrument, each bucket having an available credit limit and an

25   assigned relationship, wherein credit extended by said first party for trades with said second party on said financial instrument with one of said plurality of tenors associated with one said bucket reduces said available credit limit in said associated bucket and further reduces each said available credit limit for each bucket of said plurality of buckets in proportion to said assigned relationship,

said first set of credit requirements further including a first set of mutual put requirements;

storing a second set of credit requirements designated by said second party for trades of said financial instrument with said first party, said second set of credit

5 requirements identifying a second plurality of buckets, each bucket associated with a plurality of said tenors of said financial instrument, each bucket having an available credit limit and as assigned relationship, wherein credit extended by said second party for trades with said first party on said financial instrument with one of said plurality of tenors associated with one said bucket reduces said available credit limit in said

10 associated bucket and further reduces each said available credit limit for said plurality of buckets in proportion to said assigned relationship,

said second set of credit requirements further including a second set of mutual put requirements;

receiving a trade indication associated with a trade action, said trade indication

15 including a first party, a second party, a trade tenor and a trade amount;

calculating a set of mutual put parameters based on said first set of mutual put requirements and said second set of mutual put requirements; and

calculating said available credit limits for said first plurality of buckets and said second plurality of buckets as a function of said trade tenor and said trade amount.

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